

# SWISS BLAMES JEALOUS RIVAL FOR KIDNAPING

Pittsburgh Society Aroused by  
Sensational Charges of  
Handsome Butler.

GIRLS BRAND STORY FALSE

Misses McKay and Mellon Say  
They Knew Him Only as  
Servant.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Waiting in the detention quarters on Ellis Island for the final decision as to whether he shall be deported to Switzerland because of the irregularity of his entrance into this country, is a man of humble origin and station whose fantastic story of romance with Pittsburgh heiresses has stirred nation-wide interest and made him the subject of a Federal Court inquiry.

**Sensational Story.**  
He is August Probst, spectacularly discharged butler of the Rolling Rock Club, near Pittsburgh, composed of the elite of that city. Insignificant of stature as he is of position in life, "Archie" Probst nevertheless is possessed of a personality that, his lawyers assert, substantiates his dramatic story of having won the friendship of two Pittsburgh heiresses and of having won the heart and hand of one of them.

In court he named the girl he alleged had accepted his proposal and exchanged love notes with him. He narrated a sensational story of having been bundled from the club in the dark of night at revolver point by prominent members of the club, kidnapped and transported to New York, held prisoner in an apartment and thrust into the hands of the authorities and adjudged insane. All this, he said, was because he dared love the daughter of a millionaire and had succeeded in winning her love.

**Names Society Girls.**  
The names he mentioned furnished one of the startling phases of the weird case, for they were those of two of the most prominent society girls of Pittsburgh, Miss Virginia Craigie McKay and Miss Sarah Mellon. He said that Miss McKay was the one who yielded to his proposal of marriage and accepted him.

Miss McKay is twenty-two, and the daughter of J. Albert McKay, a manufacturer. Miss Mellon, her chum, is nineteen, and the daughter of R. B. Mellon, one of the multimillionaire and a brother of Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury.

Probst is twenty-four and a native of Switzerland. This is the story he told before Judge John C. Knox when he appeared in court on a writ of habeas corpus resulting from his order of deportation as an insane alien.

He came to the United States last June as a steward on the steamship Olympic. It is charged that he signed for a round trip and deserted. He denies signing for the return. But he admits the irregularity of his entrance, for, on reaching New York, he went to Pittsburgh without registering at Ellis Island, and obtained a job as butler at the club.

**Became a Favorite.**  
By his own admission the butler, garbed there in blue uniform and buttons, "became a favorite of all the guests of both sexes."

He told the court he was taken up at once by the members and was taught to play golf. Because of his ability to sing and yodel and play the piano, he said, he made a hit with the young women who frequented the club. He was especially fond, he said, of two of them, Miss McKay and Miss Mellon.

The two girls and he exchanged fond notes, he went on. He was asked the name of the girl he was most fond of, the one he had really fallen in love with. He said she was Miss McKay, and went on: "She loved me. We planned to be married."

Over the long-distance telephone Miss McKay was asked about it. Miss McKay said: "This man's story is infamous. Whether his curious story is a suit of insanity or an attempt at blackmail I cannot say. I have been to the club only twice and I did not even know the butler's last name until I heard of his wild story in New York."

"Miss Mellon and I knew him only casually as a servant. Of course, we never wrote to him and we never received notes from him. The whole thing is disgraceful. I am sure no young woman connected with any family enjoying membership in the club ever wrote any notes to him."

"Neither Miss Mellon nor I knew of the man until his discharge. It seems to me I heard he was mixed up in a scandal with a maid. Whether this was the cause of his dismissal I do not know. It is monstrous for him to draw our names into this matter. Our families resent it bitterly and we will have legal redress if possible. He is either insane or a blackmailer."

**Jealous Rival Appears.**  
Probst's story continued: "I worked at the club until February 23 last. The girl with whom I fell in love also fell in love with me and we were to be married. We wrote to each other. A Pittsburgh man of means was constantly in the company of my sweetheart. He was very jealous. He glowered at me and once laid on the table a big .45-caliber gun to intimidate me. But I wasn't frightened. I continued to walk and talk with the girl. Shortly before Washington's Birthday my girl stopped coming to the club. Our last evening together at the club we played the piano and sang."

"Then she didn't come any more. Another girl who liked me told me why. She said I was going to be fired because of the affair. On Washington's Birthday, when a lot of swell people were at the club, including Mrs. Richard Mellon, it came. Mrs. Mellon called me aside."

The ex-butler quoted her as saying: "Archie, who is the girl you love?" Probst went on:

"I told her it was Miss McKay. She sighed with relief. She seemed to think it might be her own daughter who was a close chum of the girl I

love. I told her no, that I loved the other girl and she loved me."

Then Probst said this lady tapped him on the shoulder and said: "Now, Archie, be a good boy. You can't marry her. Go back to your mother in Switzerland."

Probst continued: "Then things began to happen. Early next morning I was awakened. Mr. Thompson, superintendent of the club, stood in the doorway. He ordered me to dress and to be quick about it. He wouldn't even let me get my belongings together. I wasn't even allowed to draw my money from the bank. My job, with salaries and tips, was worth \$200 a month and I had saved quite a bit of it. Mr. Thompson had a gun at my body. With him were Mr. Gall, the manager, and Mr. Evans, an architect. They marched me to the stable and kept me there an hour."

**Taken to New York.**  
"I was then forcibly placed in an automobile and placed on a train for New York, guarded on the train by Mr. Gall. At Philadelphia two private detectives boarded the train. In New York I was taken to an apartment in West 137th street, and there I was held a prisoner three days. I was informed by my captors that a steamship ticket would be bought for me and that the next ship would take me back to England and that I must never return to this country or, in any event, ever go to Pittsburgh or write letters to any person I had met at the Rolling Rock Club under pain of death."

"For some reason or other they were unable to obtain from the Swiss consulate a visa for the passport, so I was released after being compelled to promise not to have any communication with members of the club. Then I went to Trenton. I believe I was under surveillance there. Anyway, I took a chance and wrote a letter to my girl in Pittsburgh on February 26."

The next day he was seized by Immigration Inspector McIntosh and brought to New York. His attempts to obtain his release under bonds were thwarted by charges he was insane and would have to be examined as to his mentality.

**Boy Scouts Destroy 3,000,000 Caterpillars**  
SCRANTON, Pa., March 25.—Boy Scouts of this city, according to Forester M. H. Kerber, saved more than 500 shade trees last year by hand picking 25 quarts of tussock moth eggs.

There are about 800 egg masses to each quart and 500 eggs to each mass, according to the forester. This means that the Boy Scouts killed 150,000 eggs per quart, or a total of 3,000,000 eggs, each of which was capable of producing one caterpillar.

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# ERRANT GIRL'S WAR ON SOCIETY ENDS IN PRISON

Remarks of a Gossiping Mother  
Cause Her to Battle  
Against World.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 25.—Una Hanley, an attractive young London girl, set out to wage war on the world. Not caring what became of herself, she broke men's hearts merely for the "fun" of it. And with each broken heart she laughed complacently.

Una robbed men and women of their money. She posed as a daughter of the society which had discarded her; she committed bigamy, and had the unique distinction of being divorced by two men the same day.

Una Hanley became a criminal and is now in prison, because she was a nameless child. The fact that she would have to suffer throughout life transformed her from a sweet, sunny child.

At school, when about sixteen years old, Una learned about her history. An ill-natured schoolfellow repeated the remarks of a gossiping mother. The news spread immediately. Then came a craving for revenge.

According, when nineteen, she married James Alexander Hanley, in 1911. He was an agricultural chemist and wealthy.

She began a life of fraud, although in no need of money. Eventually she saved her from prison, her husband had to repay the money. It ruined him financially.

Then Una left him. For several years she was associated with numbers of other men, all of good position. She broke up homes.

And then Una met General Oliver de Lancey Williams and bigamously married him.

General Williams, hearing for the first time her entire history, brought suit for nullity. Una was indicted for bigamy and served six months.

Una had not been out of prison a week before she had resumed her career of fraud. In the court she wore a stylish costume obtained by false pretenses. She is now serving a second term of six months.

But those who know her declare that her vendetta against society is still unsatisfied.

**Another Sensational Sale of Hand-Made Blouses**  
—The materials used in making up these smart models are French batiste and French voiles. Long lines of drawnwork and hemstitching are features of most of these blouses. Filet lace, edges, embroidered dots also adorn many models, and in the higher priced lines the drawnwork is more elaborate; many of the better quality models are trimmed with wide filet laces, some the much-prized rose patterned filet.

—The styles include square and V-neck models, Tuxedo collar styles and the majority have turn-back cuffs. The sizes are from 34 to 46, and the values and prices are as follows:

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—The shades are jade, henna, periwinkle, French blue, brown, tan, navy and black. All sizes to select from.

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—At this price we show wrappy coats of suede velour, in navy and copenhagen, trimmed with contrasting colors, and sport coats of all-wool herringbone, fancy silk lined.

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